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1840-1875/1920's

1044-1000 Light St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The west side of the 1000 block of Light St. has a number of quite interesting and unusual buildings. 1040-1044 Light St. is a typical group of three story, two and three bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices which has always served a mixed commercial/residential function and dates from the 1870's. At 1036-1038 Light St. there is the McHenry Theatre, an Art-Deco style brown brick structure built in the 1920's to serve as one of three neighborhood movie houses, the other two of which are now gone. The original interior of the theatre is still intact, with community plans underway to reopen it as a movie theatre, but the old lobby area has been converted into two modern storefronts. At 1024 Light St. Public School #15 survives in its original Tuscan Revival form, two stories high, six bays wide with a low-pitched gable roof running perpendicular to Light St. with deeply projecting eaves supported by thin wooden brackets. The first floor area of the building has been converted into a modern storefront. Across Poultney St., to the north, at 1022 Light St. is a typical three story, three bay wide combination commercial/residential structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice dating from the early 1850's (it originally had a gable roof). At 1016-1020 Light St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built in the early 1850's and currently used as both residences and storefronts. To the north, at 1008-1014 Light St., stands the large two and a half story, three bay wide, brick Queen Anne style Salvation Army Building, which was built as a Friends Meeting House in the 1870's. Finally, at 1000-1006 Light St. there is a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built about 1840 by John S. Gittings and others. All of the houses retain their original exterior form except for 1000 Light St. which has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. All of the first floor areas of this group of houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1040-1044 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of three three story high brick buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices is composed of one three bay building (1044 Light St.) and two two bay wide buildings (1040 and 1042 Light St.) The first floor areas of all of the buildings have been converted into modern storefronts.

The buildings are three stories in height, 1040 and 1042 Light St. are about 15' wide and 1044 Light St. is about 18' wide. The houses occupy lots ranging in depth from 67 1/2' (1044) to 93' (1042). The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a continuous stamped sheet metal cornice that extends across the entire unit. The cornice consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of modillions set above a narrow frieze area.

The second floor windows openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums; the third floor window openings have splayed brick lintels. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 6/6 double hung sash. The first floor areas of each house have been converted into modern storefronts, each with a modern glass and aluminum door centrally located and recessed beyond the facade, flanked by two-sided plate glass shop windows set on aluminum bases. The storefront areas of 1042 and 1044 Light St. have modern aluminum signs which extend across the entire width of the storefront, but at 1040 Light St. a remnant of the original storefront cornice can still be seen above the aluminum sign area. This cornice is stamped sheet metal also and consists of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a plain frieze area and supported by two end brackets, the upper edges of which terminate in stylized "anthemion" motifs. All of the entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="radio"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1871-1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Schulz

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of buildings is significant as being representative of the second phase of commercial/residential construction in the area, being built in the 1870's in the then popular Victorian style, with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. This type of building served the same function as its pre--Civil War predecessor, the first floor area serving as a storefront and the upper two floors serving as a residence for the family operating the store below, or to provide rental income for the landlord. Most such houses originally had separate street entrances to the private residential quarters above. The original storefronts have been modernized.

The houses were built by John Schulz, a local carpenter, who lived around the corner on Cross St. They were the second structures to occupy the site, replacing earlier two and a half story, or two story plus attic houses.¹ The first owner-occupant of 1042 Light St. was Albert B. Schulz, who operated a stove store at this location in the 1870's.² Before John Schulz built the present houses on the site, a shoemaker and a blacksmith had had shops in the buildings at 1040 and 1042 Light St. in the 1850's.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, LiberGR 501, Folio 269; Baltimore City Directory, 1872

²Ibid., GR 598, Folio 300. B.C.D., 1873, 1875

³Ibid., ED 97, Folio 179; ED 99, Folio 229; B.C.D., 1860

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

6/79

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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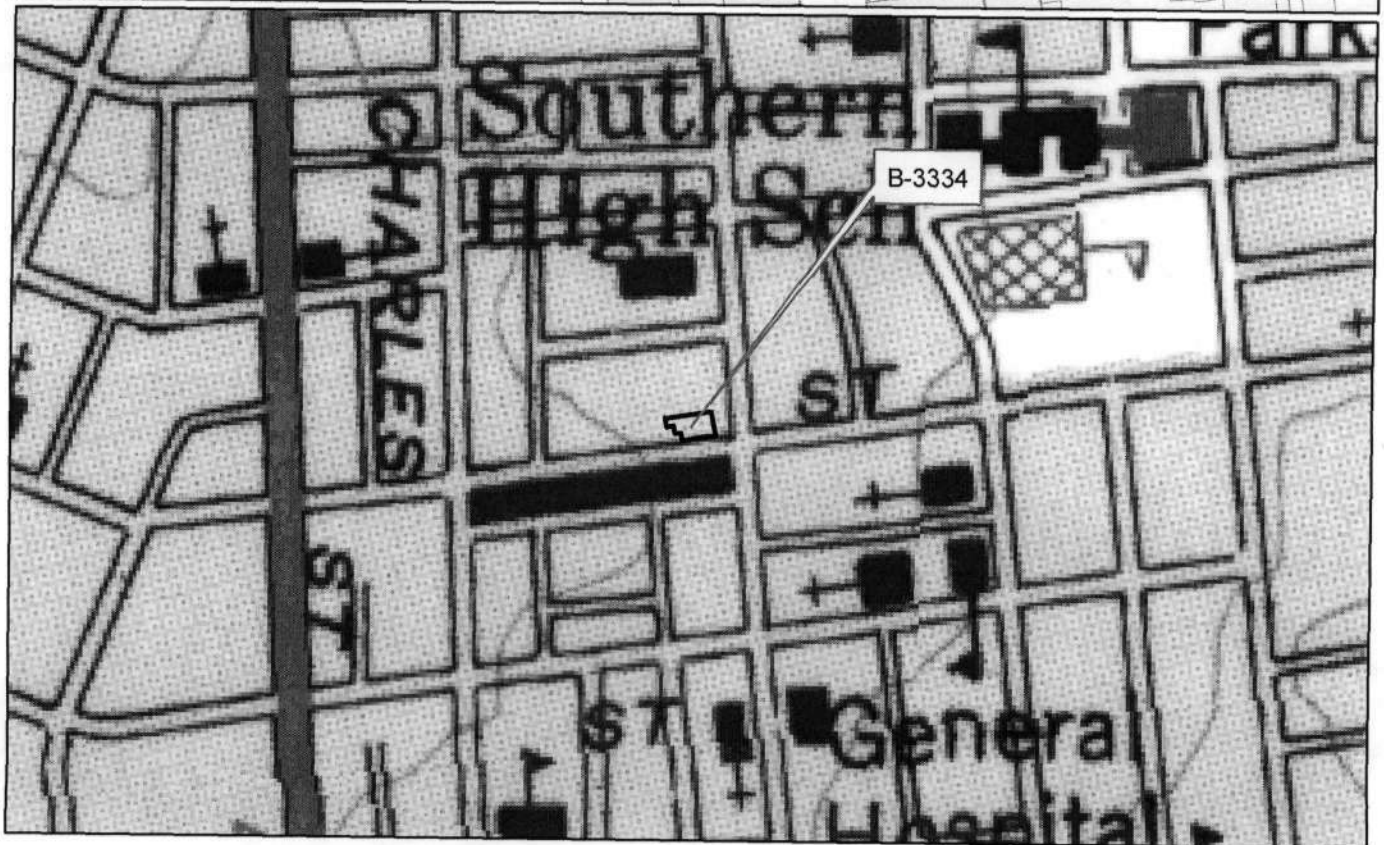
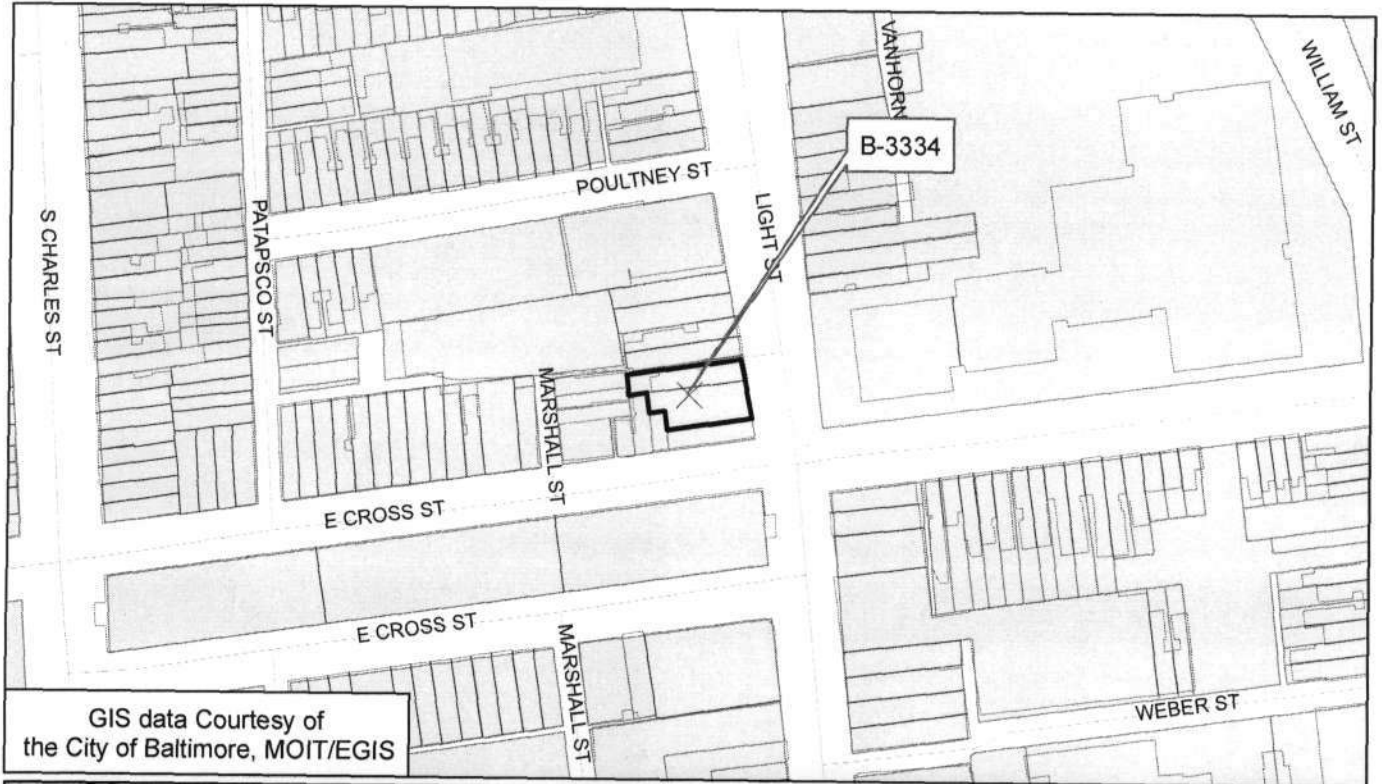
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1040-1044 Light Street
Block 0935A Lots 006-008
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1040-1044 Light St.

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East elevation